

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Design and Technology Department delivers a comprehensive curriculum to enable all students to develop a variety of practical skills and knowledge across four subject areas. Each Key Stage 3 student will study a range of topics; Food, Textiles (y8) and Resistant Materials. On the completion of each rotation, your child will be assessed on the following skills: designing, making and knowledge/understanding of each topic area.

In order to deliver the programme, we would like to ask parents/carers for a contribution of £4.00 (year 7) and £5.00 (year 8) to support the cost of the materials needed throughout the school year. This will enable them to create exciting new products that the students will be proud to take home.

Students will continue to bring in the ingredients for their Food Technology lessons. However, we will support students with ingredients and materials throughout the carousel, when required.

We hope you share our enthusiasm in allowing the students to participate in a creative subject, where they can be inspired by their experiences and interactions with products and materials.

We are using the Parent pay system, which can be accessed by selecting www.parentpay.com. Therefore, your child does not need to bring money into school. All parents/carers have received a letter to explain how to access parent pay; once the account has been opened, payments can be made by selecting **Design and Technology contribution**.

Also, during the Food Technology lessons, we will be experimenting with ingredients and therefore, it is necessary that we are alerted by letter of any **food allergies or intolerances** that your child has.

Yours sincerely

C Dixon

Head of Technology